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For: AN ENZYME REACTION METHOD )  
AND A METHOD FOR )  
ENZYMATICALLY PRODUCING )  
AN OPTICALLY ACTIVE )  
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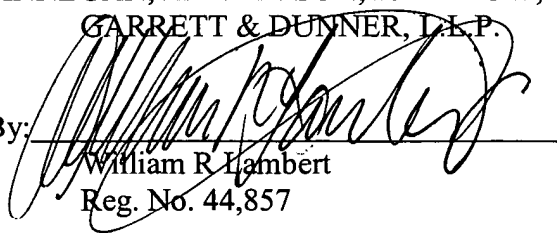
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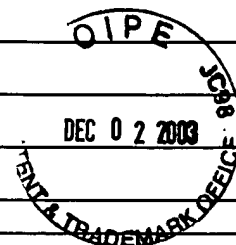


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